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(For the Louisville Courier)
HO-BEN-SACK.

A Specie Note.

BY BILL EASTE.

Two shades of signature, and the date.

As though it were past.

A stranger from the times of spring.

Who made the streets and alleys narrow.

Ho-ben-sack.

The musical notes are pale.

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Notice!

All papers are liberally discontinued at the expiration of the time paid for. The very low price of the paper entitles us to make it a rule imperative.

Our friends in the South will always glad to have from our friends, and will be thankful for occasional letters from all parts of the State and the great Mississippi Valley, containing important news, local events, &c., &c.

It is requested that they will have no difficulty in sending the postoffice where it is received as well as the case to which it is to be sent.

Editorial writers and journalists, and postage stamps who contribute to the paper, will have no difficulty in sending the same for the (postage) pay of a dollar.

Horse Bills.

We are prepared to print, at the shortest notice and lowest prices, HORSE AND JACK BILLS, with good cuts and well displayed types.

EDT Orders by mail or otherwise promptly attended to.

Important Notice.

We have no traveling or other agents for the Courier, for whom we are responsible. Persons, therefore, subleasing for it, should never give their money to us; they are not themselves willing to trust.

Marriages in Kentucky.

The registration reports prepared by Dr. Sutton, of Georgetown, furnish a vast fund of interesting statistics concerning the matrimonial instances of the people of Kentucky. During the last year there were five thousand six hundred and eighty-eight marriages in the State. Of these the greater number occurred in the county of Jefferson, and the least in McLean county. The favorite month for consummating marriage vows are those in the winter, December being the lead. The least propitious for the burning of Hymenial torches, is July; nor need we wonder. There is surely little in the sweatering heats of that season of dog-days to cause the creation of any closer bonds or affinities than are necessary.

The favorite matrimonial period for females is between the ages of sixteen and twenty years. The second period is the same as that of the males, between twenty and twenty-five. The third is between twenty-five and thirty, and so in gradation until we arrive at the age of seventy years, at which period two ladies married. One girl married at twelve years of age, and several under fifteen years. One female under twenty married a man aged seventy; and we have one man at twenty-five years marrying a woman aged sixty-five. But these dispensations of May and December are happily few and far between. Twenty men over seventy years were married, and three hundred and forty-six individuals under twenty years.

The fugitives of Canada—it is now estimated that 30,000 fugitives are already in Canada, chiefly of the class of able-bodied men and women. These, at home, would average in value \$1,000, or at least \$600, summing up \$24,000,000—the absolute loss to the capital of four States. But added to this, there are still remaining in the Northern States, as servants, &c., about 6,000 negroes, who, not fearing pursuit, have not crossed into Canada. These at \$1,000 each—a low figure for first-class slaves, as the runaways have to lose, and from which they have no resort.

CLOTHES—WOMEN IN CHOICE, &c.—The Episcopal Churchmen of New York, in a pack of trouble again, we say sorry to see. He thinks the clergy, in these days, are too much addicted to wedlock. Ministers, he thinks, should not be encumbered with the care of a family—their hard times—and he goes strong, therefore, for "celibacy." Women in choir is another trouble. They create, and figure in scandalous scenes behind the curtain. He goes, therefore, for turning the women out, and putting chorister boys in their places. Wicked women!

FIRES.—On the night of the 6th inst., the north wing of the Lunatic Asylum, at Jackson, Miss., was destroyed by fire. Loss ten to twenty thousand dollars. The main building was unburned.

The Female Institute, at Macon, Tennessee, was burnt down on the 10th inst. Loss ten thousand dollars.

On the night of the 14th inst., the business houses of A. G. Cooley, Thos. Clark, Collier & Brewer, G. A. Barnes, Crockett & Ransom and J. A. Collier & Co., at Murfreesboro, Tenn., were destroyed by fire.

PACIFIC RAILROAD.—The bill introduced in the U. S. Senate on the 6th instant, to provide for the construction of a railroad and telegraph from the Mississippi river to the Pacific Ocean, grants the construction thereof to Samuel Branson, C. K. Garrison, John C. Fall, Robert McClellan, Geo. Read Riddle, Sidney S. Baxter, Alexander R. Webster, Wm. Schouler, George Green and their associates.

PEOPLES IN THE COUNTRY are busily engaged in making tree sugar and molasses. We are told that the water which flows from the trees is so sweet this season that one-third less of it is required to make a gallon of molasses than in ordinary seasons.

ALEXANDRA CELEBRATION.—The annual meeting of Potomac Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Alexandria, takes place on the 19th of April next. Rev. James A. Duncan will deliver the address. It is expected that a large number of distinguished persons will be present to participate in the ceremonies on the occasion.

CHORUS IN A SYNAGOGUE.—The N. Y. Times notices a novel feature in the religious services of the Jews of that city, which is nothing less than their singing. No instrument, however, is allowed except a pitch pipe. The Times says: "Curiously indeed sounded in our ears, sang by Jews, the air, 'I know that my Redeemer liveth.'"

OLD TOWN.—In Columbia, S. C., the old English customs have not yet died out. The Sheriff of the court still goes to the Judge's residence attired in a cocked hat and wearing a sword, to escort his Honor to the court room; and the Judge goes covered with a long silk robe, in which he takes his seat on the bench.

ON Sunday, March 16, folks up in Pewee Valley went to church in single file, the ground being covered with snow to the depth of three or four inches. However, after service, when they went home, they found a good deal more mud than the chimney, and that is partially destroyed.

IS FIGHTING RELIGIOUS?—An earnest and playful discussion is going on between Garrison and Beecher about the use of sharp rifles in Kansas. Garrison recites "Thou shall not kill," &c., "And do good evil," but Beecher sticks to the rifles, like a true "soldier of the cross."

REPORTED DROWNED.—Our despatch from Cairo last night reports that Jones, the murderer of Capt. Steven, clerk of the Ohio Belle, jumped overboard before reaching Hickman, and was drowned.

AT a fire in Fifteenth street, New York, a few days ago, a Mrs. Davis only escaped being burned to death by getting on the roof of the house. She is in a dangerous condition in consequence of having inhaled the hot air. A child in her arms was suffocated by the smoke.

THE boiler of the Steam Saw Mill at Oakdale, seven miles off the other side of Vernon, Ia., burst yesterday. Friday last, killing Wm. McRae, the master, together with four others, whose names we do not learn, and wounding three. Nothing of the mill remains standing but the chimney, and that is partially destroyed.

THE Journal of Commerce says that the recent elections in New York show, on the whole, a decided Democratic gain and a Know-Nothing loss, compared with the vote of last November.

THE Know-Nothing papers at the North which support the Philadelphia nominations are at work trying to prove that Fillmore is as good and reliable an anti-slavery man as can be found.

THE peach trees were in bloom at New Orleans on the 5th of February, and the farmers of southern Texas had begun to plant corn two weeks before.

MR. CAPTAIN DUNCAN N. INGRAM, of Kansas fame, has been nominated as Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, vice Commodore E. Morris, deceased.

MR. HON. SAMUEL BUSKIRK, a distinguished Democratic speaker, addresses the people of New Albany to-night.

MR. HARRISON & CHAPIN, of Milwaukee, produce dealers, have failed in consequence of the fire in breadstuffs.

BOTH the New York Central and Erie were clear of snow, Saturday, and were running regularly.

THE flour and grain are declining with sales of the former yesterday at \$50 per barrel.

REV. JOHN MILLER, a well known Methodist preacher, died in Covington on the 7th inst.

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FEARFUL ACCIDENT ON THE DELAWARE RIVER.
Burning of the Camden Ferry-Boat New Jersey.

LOSS OF LIFE.

(Advocate Photo is right.)—Losses (total) of the 10th. One of the most dreadful disasters which has happened upon the Delaware since the burning of the Union Pier, some twenty years ago, occurred on Saturday evening.

The Camden ferry-boat New Jersey, belonging to the Philadelphia and Camden Ferry Company, with passengers to New Jersey, went up the river, but was lost sight of, and was never heard from again.

The steamer Herman had arrived from Europe, but saw nothing of the missing steamer Pacific.

The Nicaragua Company have withdrawn their line until the difficulties in that country are adjusted.

CONGRESSIONAL.

XVTH CONGRESS—FIRST SESSION.

Monday's Proceedings.

WASHINGTON, March 17, P. M.—SENATE.—Mr. Douglas, from the Committee on Territories, reported a bill authorizing the people of Kansas to vote on the constitution for the government proposed by the State of Missouri, and to submit it to Congress.

An effort was made to check the flames, but with avail. A scene of wild excitement ensued, the passengers all pressing forward to escape the flames, and many were thrown overboard. Many of the passengers, among whom were several females, remanaged until the arrival of their clothes.

He had been headed for the canal, but on reaching the bar, he was stopped, and so jammed between the banks that to go through would be almost an impossibility.

The boat had been heading for the canal, so as to cross the same distance above Smith's island. When nearly opposite Arch street, the boat was struck by a large iron wheel-horse, rending the steering apparatus useless.

A strong ebb tide was running, and setting up the river, which caused the boat to sheer off to the left, and run aground. The passengers had jumped overboard, some of whom managed to get ashore, while others were carried down by the water persons in small boats. Many of the passengers, among whom were several females, remanaged until the arrival of their clothes.

It is supposed, there were one hundred people on board, nearly one-half of whom were lost. Our exchanges contain lengthy lists with the names of those saved and lost, and many providential escapes are noticed. Numbers who remained on the boat until the flames forced them to jump into the river were killed by the paddle-wheels, and numbers were drowned in full view of the people on shore, who were unable to render any assistance.

From the San Francisco Herald, Feb. 18th.

The Earthquake at San Francisco.

Incidents, Accidents, etc.

The severest shock of earthquake ever experienced in this vicinity, since the settlement of California, took place at San Francisco, on Feb. 15, at just twenty-five minutes past 5 o'clock. In this city and vicinity, every building shook to its foundations, and in some quarters the houses were awed and thrown into the air. The inmates of every dwelling were awakened, and some were even thrown from their beds, so violent was the shock. The inhabitants of the city and streets, and but that the circumstance of their sudden appearance was of a character to produce sensations of terror, none of them would have been more surprised. The large hotels were despoiled instantaneously, and in a general mass of furniture were thrown down, occasioning a great deal of damage to the property and confusion caused by the earthquake. In the upper stories of the large brick buildings, the windows were broken, and the glass scattered over the crockery ware. Vases containing liquids were turned over, either by the shock or in the hurry of the inhabitants to escape. Every犬erance was given to the safety of the building, and it appeared to me to be an almost unanimous impression that San Francisco was about to share the fate of Japantown.

The building of cattle in the suburbs produced a fitting accompaniment to the scene. Even the pigs broke through their pens and ran about, and the dogs barked furiously, and tried to bark their masters. Indeed everything animal and inanimate was more or less affected by the shock, and the inhabitants of the city, who had not been violated, and its legislation through found itself.

The Senate considered and passed bills for the improvement of the St. Clair and Murray's rivers, and the Mississippi, and the navigation of the mouth of the Mississippi river, and the improvement of the harbor of San Diego.

Hotas.—Mr. Galloway advocated the resolution to authorize the Committee on Elections to send a deputation to the British Government, to inquire into the British construction of the Clayton Bay fortifications, and the affairs of India, etc.

He fully justified Walker's seizure of the vessels of the Trans-Pacific Co., and his proposal to extend the bill authorizing the payment of a sum equivalent to the amount of the vessel.

Mr. Clayton was no partisan of the President, but when our foreign relations are conducted with such skill and ability, it will give the administration credit.

Having availed of Walker's seizure of the vessels of the Trans-Pacific Co., Mr. Seward invited him to come to Washington, and to meet him at the White House.

Some apprehension is entertained as to political effect of the publication of the enlistment and recruitment of the army, and the extension of the service of the volunteers.

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